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Mr. G. M. Mann
County Auditor
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Opinion No. O-620
Re: Can the commissioners' court
purchase kitchen equipment for the
use of the county home demonstra-
tion agent?

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 12, 1939, in which you ask if the Commissioners' Court of a county has authority to purchase kitchen equipment for the use of the county home demonstration agent, has been received.

Your attention is directed to Article 164, Revised Civil Statutes, which reads as follows:

"The Commissioners' Court of any county of this state is authorized to establish and conduct co-operative demonstration work in Agriculture and Home Economics in co-operation with the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the Commissioners' Court and the Agents of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas; and may employ such means, and may appropriate and expend such sums of money as may be necessary to effectively establish and carry on such demonstration work in Agriculture and Home Economics in their respective counties."

You see from the above statute that the Legislature has provided that in order to conduct co-operative demonstration work in Agriculture and Home Economics, the Commissioners' Court is given the power to employ such means and to appropriate and expend such sums of money as may be necessary to effectively establish and carry on such work. This act has given broad power to the Commissioners' Court, and leaves their decision final on the question as to what is necessary to carry on this work.

Therefore, it is our opinion that if the Commissioners' Court, in its discretion, deems it necessary to purchase

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kitchen equipment for the use of the county demonstration agent, it is within their power to do so.

Very truly yours

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APPROVED:
/s/ Gerald C. Mann
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